



TAX ACADEMY

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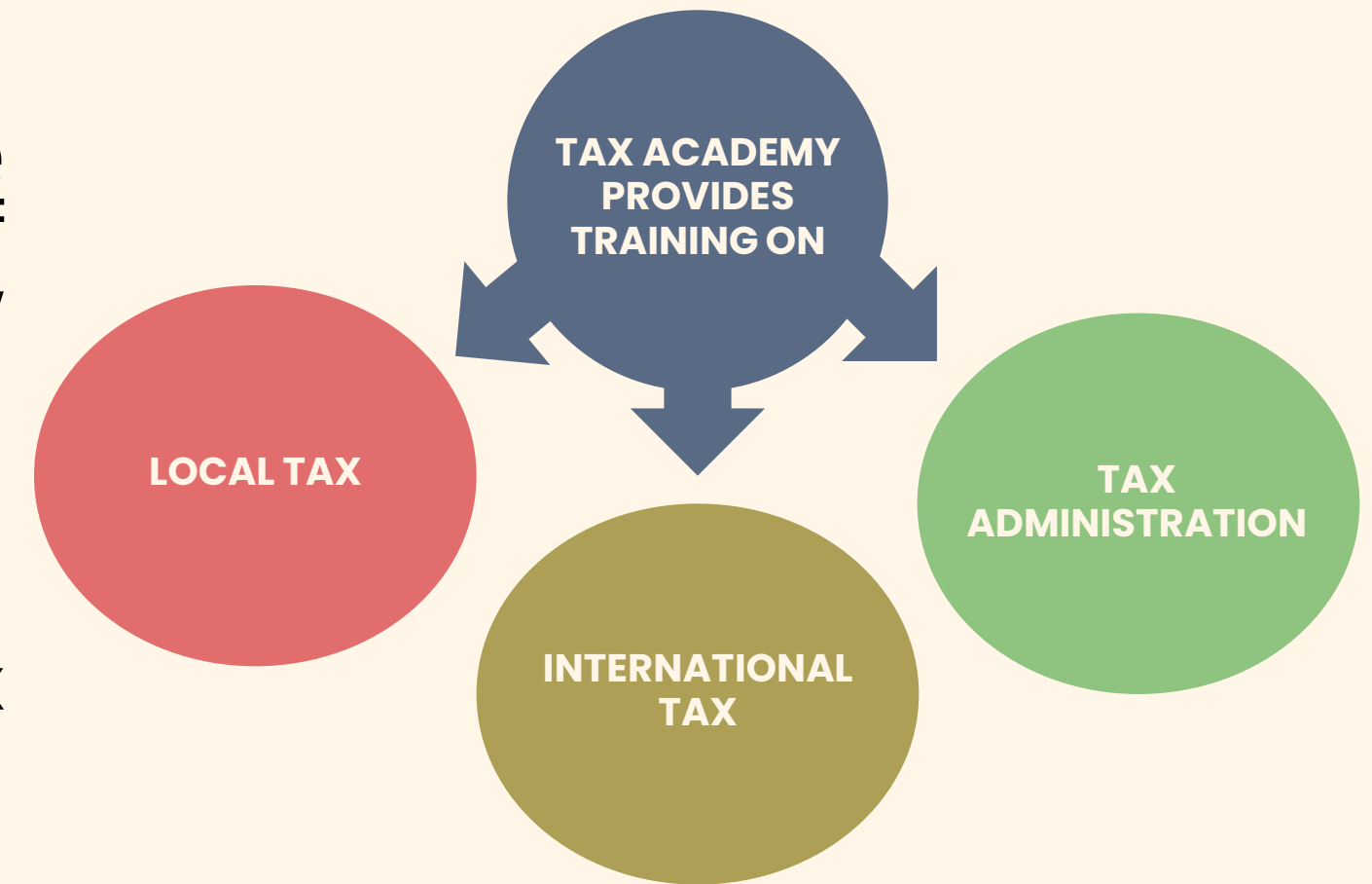
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About Tax Academy of Singapore

- Not-for-profit institution set up by IRAS
- Partner with the Big 4 accounting firms, Singapore Chartered Tax Professionals, the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and the Law Society of Singapore
- Raise professional competency of tax community
- Lead in the region as a premier centre for tax knowledge and expertise



Tax Academy conducts

1. Structured Tax Programmes
2. Seminars/Webinars and Conferences
3. Customised Programmes

Tax Academy

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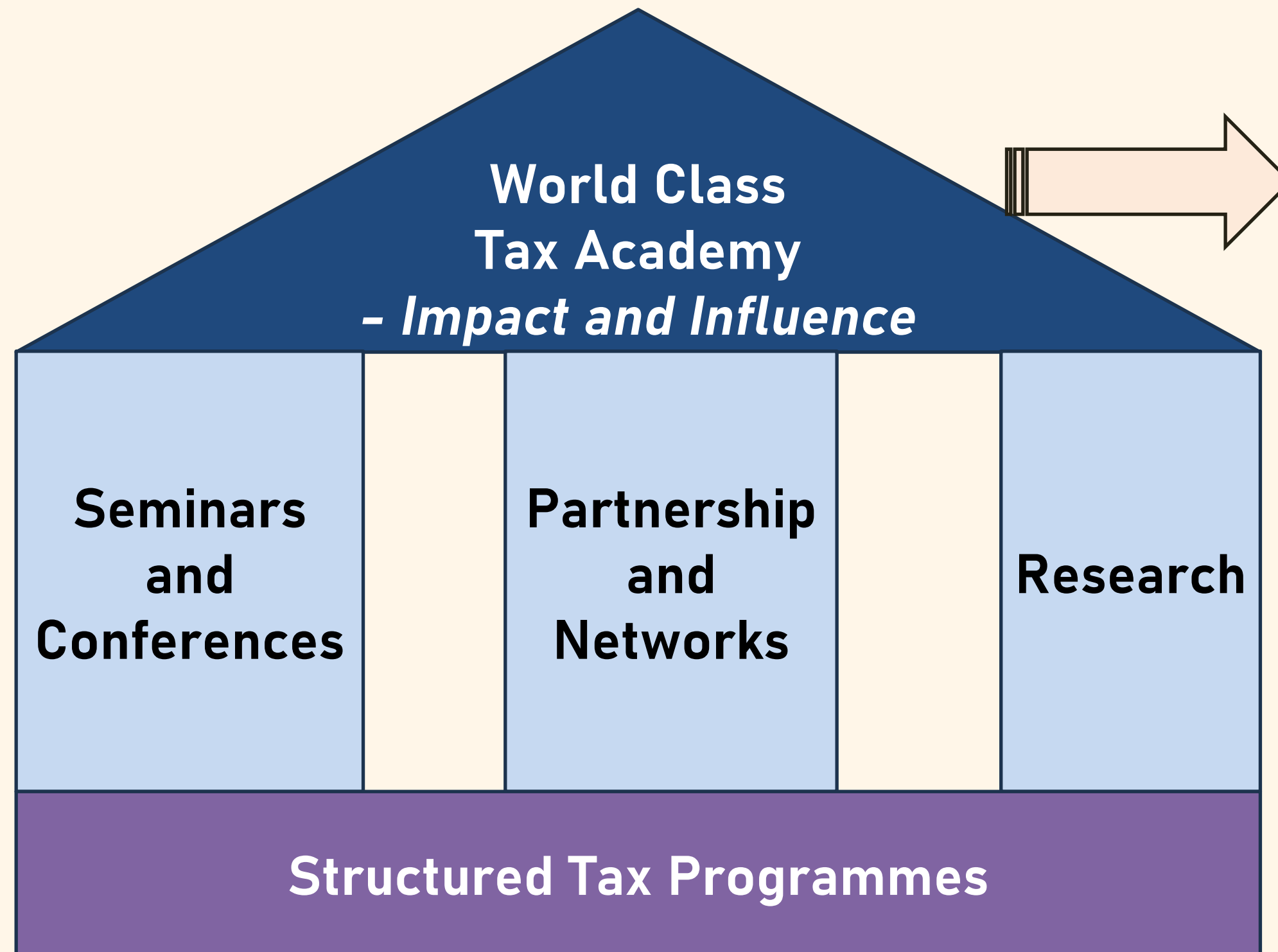


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Unique TA – World's First in Tax



TA's Unique Proposition:
TA brings together expertise from government, industry and academia to drive impactful collaborations.

Structured Tax Programmes

Level	Target Audience	Domestic Tax	International Tax
Level 1 - Basic	No or little knowledge in subject	Income Tax	Tax Treaties & Transfer Pricing
		Goods & Services Tax	
Level 2 - intermediate	Basic knowledge in subject and 1-2 years of relevant working experience	Income Tax*	Tax Treaties, Transfer Pricing & Selected Countries' Tax Systems
		Goods & Services Tax*	
Level 3 - Advanced	More than 3 years of relevant tax experience	Advanced Tax Programme*	Leiden-TA Advanced Tax Treaties Programme
		Advanced Goods & Services Tax* Advanced Property Tax	WU-TA Advanced Transfer Pricing Programme
			Advanced International Tax Planning Programme

*RECOGNISED FOR ACCREDITATION WITH THE SINGAPORE CHARTERED TAX PROFESSIONALS (SCTP)

Participants and Trainers Profile

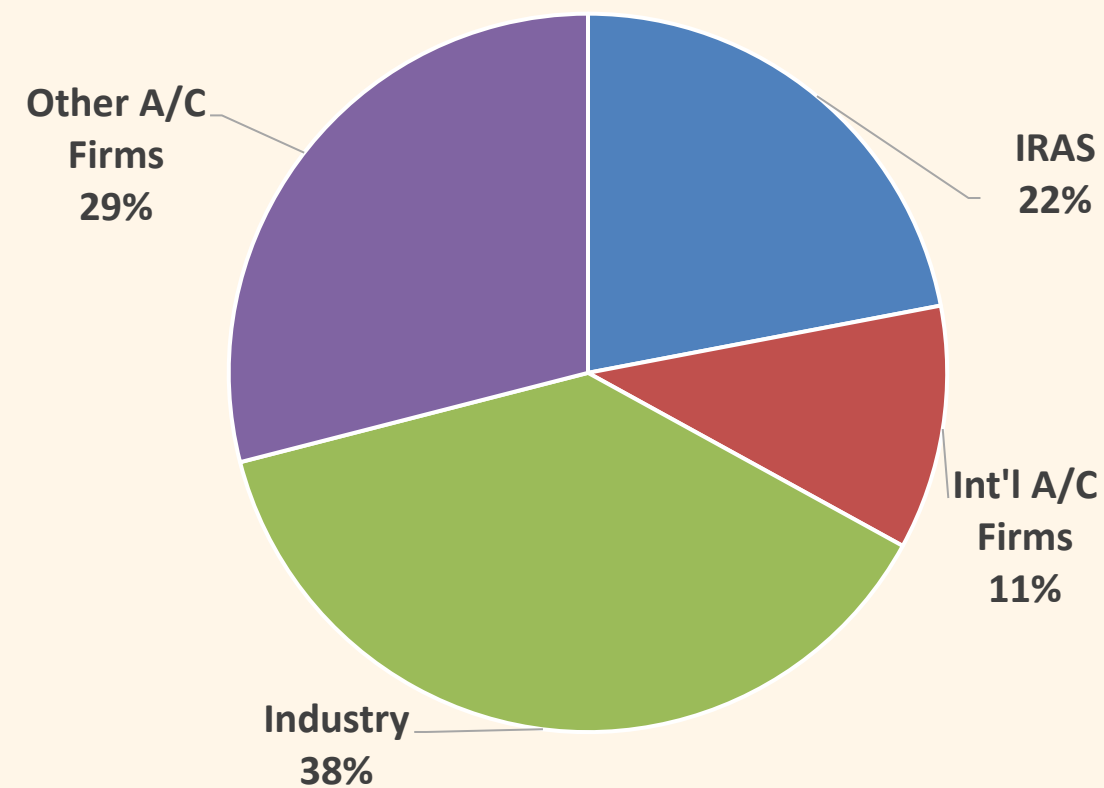
Participants Profile

- In FY24, TA conducts 70 programmes for more than 6,500 participants annually

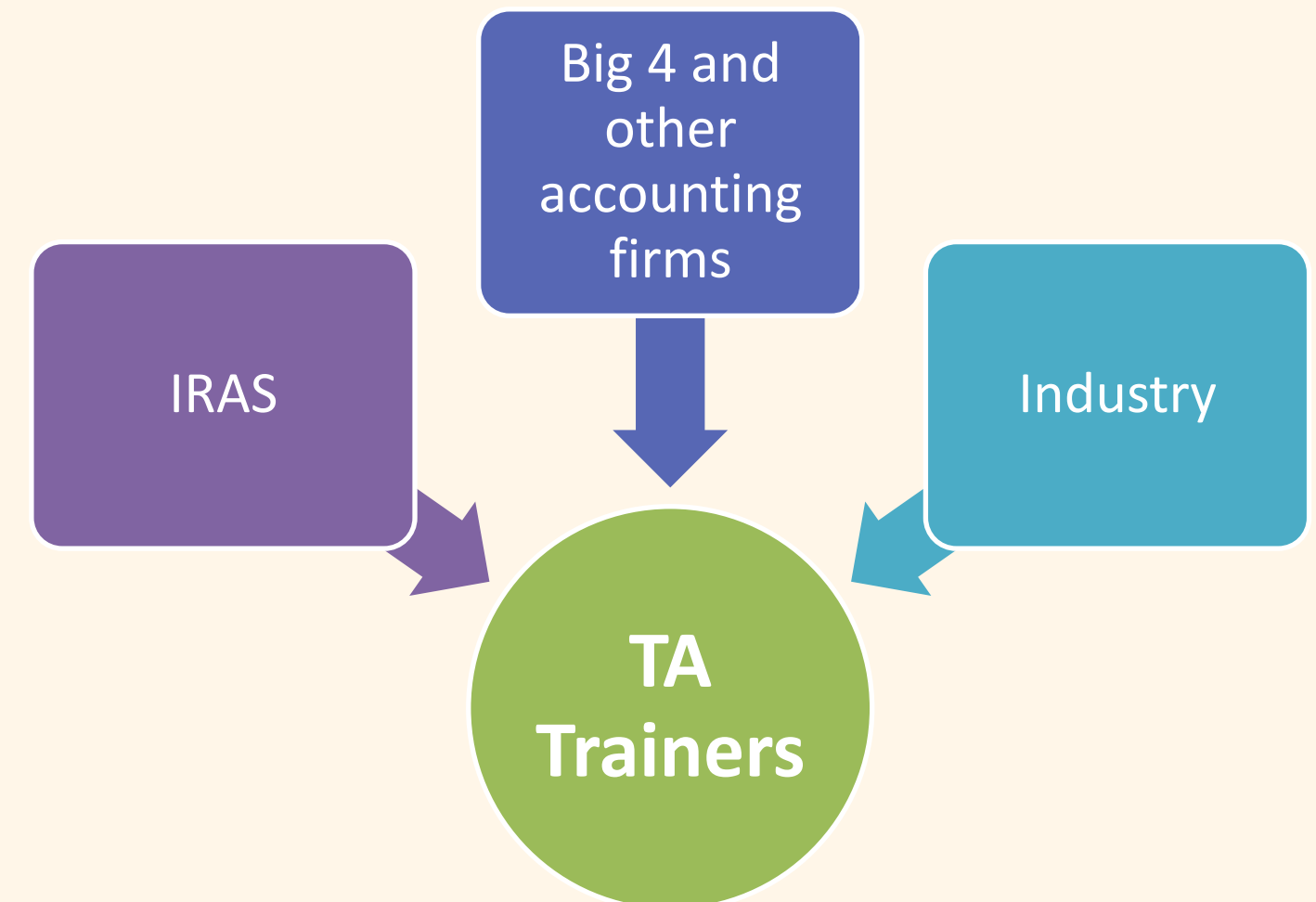
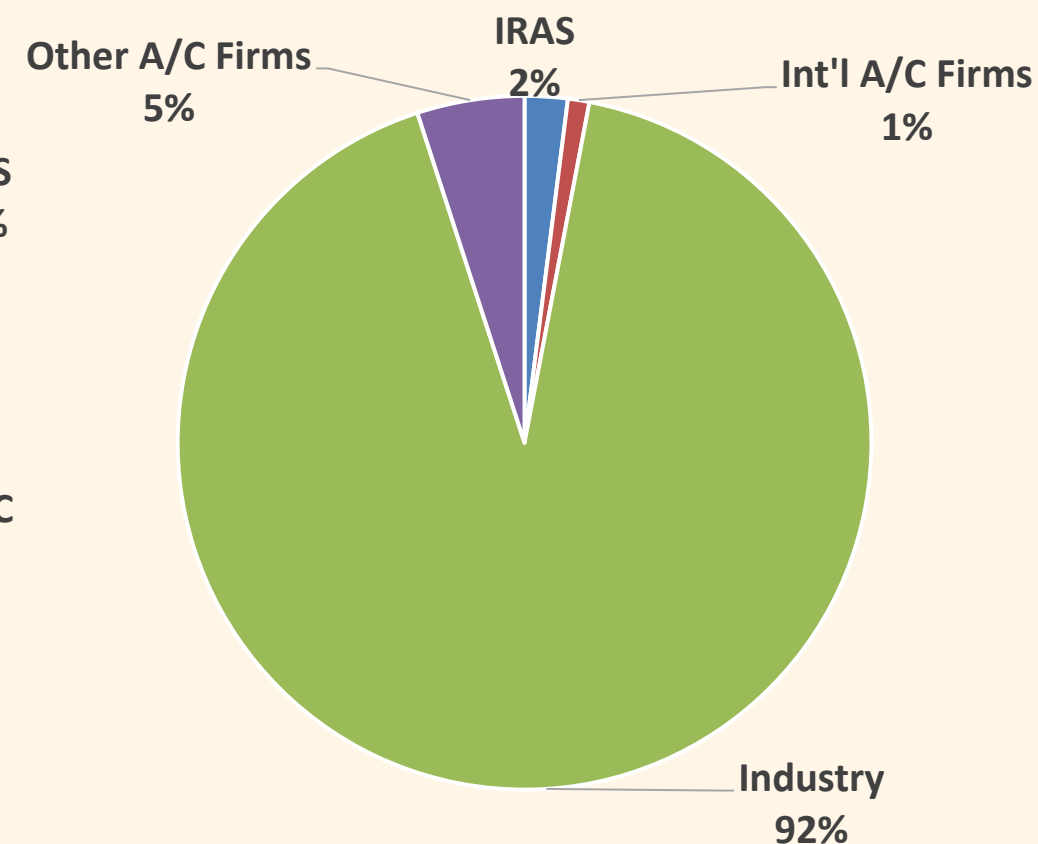
Trainers Profile

- Engage over 100 trainers annually
- No full-time trainers
- Trainers from both public and private sectors

Structured Tax Training



Seminars and Conferences



Increase International Engagements and Partnerships

- ❖ Partner with industry leaders to strengthen tax education and professional growth
- ❖ Strengthens our ecosystem through strategic partnerships with stakeholders, graduates and TA Alumni Network

Our Programme Partners from All Around the World (*non-exhaustive*)



- ✓ Expand TA professional network
- ✓ Attract diverse participants
- ✓ Create meaningful connections

Tax Academy: A Network of Networks

Engaging Different Stakeholders

- ❖ Institutions and Organisations
 - ✓ Partner with global institutions
 - ✓ Establish MOUs
 - ✓ Foster sustainable long-term collaborations while building global recognition and creating value in tax education
- ❖ Trainers
 - ✓ Create emotional connections
 - ✓ Provide networking platform
 - ✓ Enable knowledge exchange and experience sharing
- ❖ Students
 - ✓ Nurture interest in taxation by inspiring the young generation
 - ✓ Cultivate the next generation of tax professionals



MOU with CPA Australia

- ❖ One of the world's largest accounting bodies with a membership of more than 170,000 finance, accounting and business professionals in 100 countries and regions
- ❖ Deliver the Singapore taxation subject for CPA Australia program for certification of CPA Program
- ❖ The first MOU was signed in 2009



CPA Australia Roundtable in HK

- ❖ CEO led delegation in strategic roundtable with CPA Australia, engaging key tax leaders from Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia
- ❖ Shared Singapore's tax transformation journey and AI developments, highlighting TA's role in building future-ready capabilities
- ❖ Strengthened regional partnerships through knowledge exchange on evolving tax administration and digital transformation



MOU with IFA Singapore

- ❖ Membership of International Fiscal Association (IFA) stands at more than 13,000 members from 71 jurisdictions
- ❖ Focuses on studying and advancing international tax law and public finance systems across countries
- ❖ Signed our first MOU with IFA Singapore in Mar 2025



MOU with WU Transfer Pricing Center

- ❖ One of the top tax institutes in the world, with almost 100 researchers in tax including many tax professors
- ❖ Signed our first MOU with WU TPC in Feb 2025 to commemorate the 10-year partnership in tax education



MOU with TEI

- ❖ Tax Executive Institutes (TEI) – diverse, inclusive member-based organization, dedicated exclusively to the professional needs of the in-house tax community worldwide with a global network of nearly 7,000 in-house tax professionals worldwide
- ❖ Knowledge exchange through seminars, networking initiatives, cross-promotional marketing activities, and student talent development programmes



MOU with ICAEW

- ❖ Institute of Chartered Accountants In England and Wales (ICAEW) has more than 208,000 members and students around the world
- ❖ TA signed an MOU with ICAEW in June 2025 to develop and deliver joint educational programmes that enhance tax knowledge and expertise
- ❖ A trio of IRAS GSTD colleagues were awarded the inaugural ICAEW VAT Research Prize in their personal capacities



Collaborations with ISCA

- ❖ A member of the ISCA Professional Accountancy (PA) Hub
- ❖ Onboard ISCA overseas Professional Services Centres



Connections with Hong Kong Universities & Professional Bodies

- ❖ Established strategic dialogues with Hong Kong's top universities, i.e. **Hong Kong University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology** for tax education and research collaboration
- ❖ Advanced partnership discussions with **Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKIPCA)** to develop cross-border professional development programmes
- ❖ Strengthened Singapore-Hong Kong knowledge network through academic and professional body connections



Connecting with Trainers

- ❖ Robust network of more than 100 distinguished trainers annually from Big 4, mid-tier firms, IRAS and industry
- ❖ Active engagement through signature events like TA Appreciation Event, fostering strong professional connections and knowledge sharing
- ❖ Sustained partnerships with diverse sectors creating vibrant community of practice in tax education



TA Alumni Network

- ❖ Strengthening local networks creating meaningful connections with our graduates
- ❖ Alumni Network serves as a platform to identify potential trainers, showcase tax expertise, and gather structured feedback to enhance our training programmes



Student Engagements

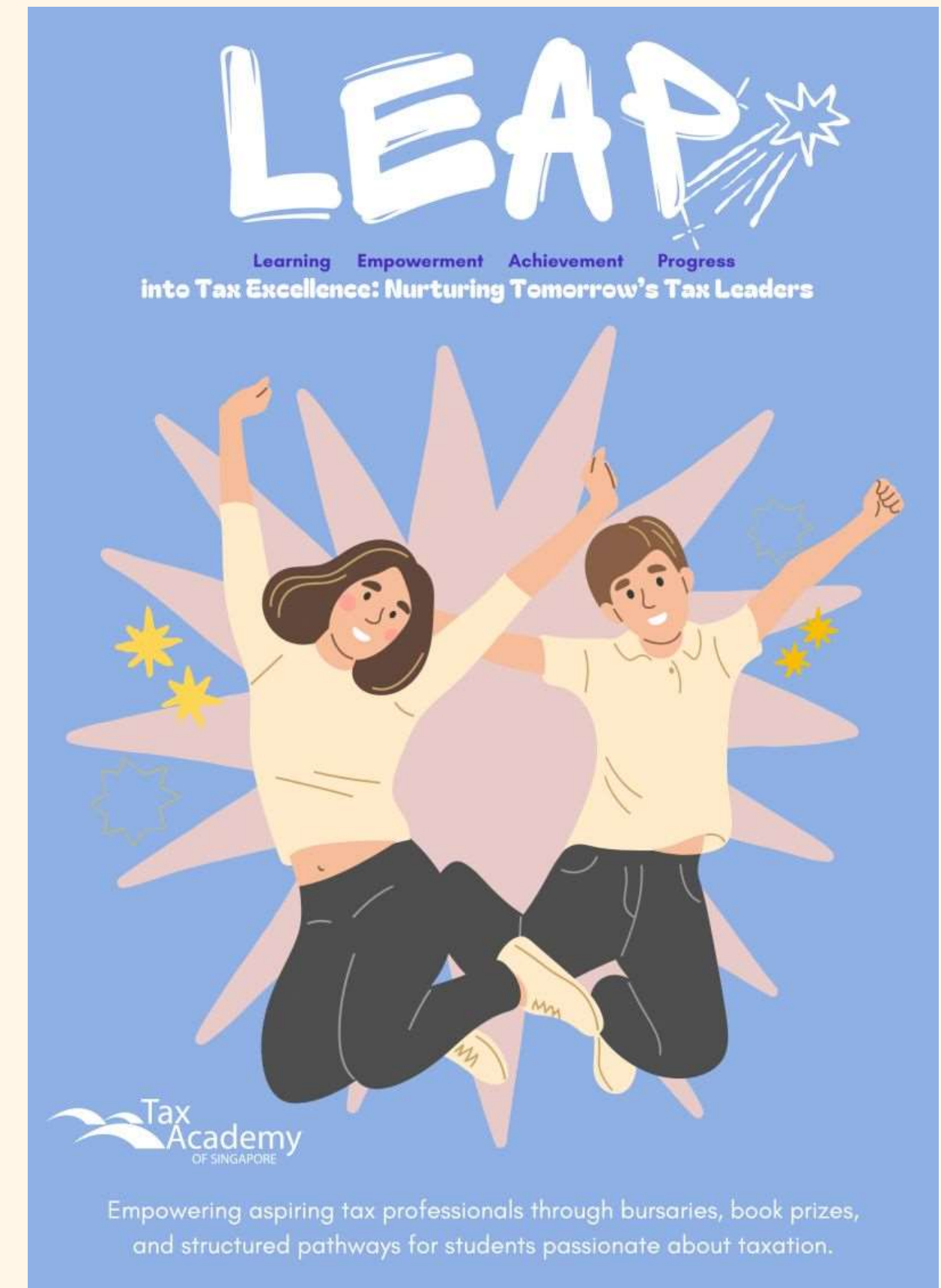
- ❖ Organised several engagement sessions with the tax societies – NUS, NTU and SMU.
- ❖ Aimed to understand students' interests, cultivate enthusiasm for tax/accounting/real estate
- ❖ Promote career in these fields
- ❖ NextGen Award



LEAP Initiative

Tax Academy LEAP Initiative (Learning, Empowerment, Achievement, Progress)

- ❖ Empowering education through book prizes and bursaries
- ❖ LEAP demonstrates TA's commitment to nurturing tax talent, bridging academia and industry, and promoting educational excellence in taxation
- ❖ Our goal is to inspire and empower the next generation of tax professionals



Bursary Agreement Signing Ceremony



The International Tax Disputes Day: Asian and Global Landscape



High-level gathering of more than 200 tax professionals, including 70 senior partners and C-suite executives



Commissioner/CEO,
Inland Revenue Authority of
Singapore delivering the
opening address



Research Initiative – STARI

Focus and Aims

- ❖ The Singapore Tax Academy Research Initiative (STARI) seeks to conduct leading tax law research in a rapidly developing international tax landscape, while also building domestic tax research capacity, developing strong academic networks, and bringing the best in international tax thought-leadership to the tax profession in Singapore.



Main Streams of Work

- 1) Conducting World-Class International Tax Research
- 2) Developing Local Academic Capacity in Taxation
- 3) Building Links with International Thought-Leaders in Taxation



Technical Expert Panel & Academic Expert Panel to guide STARI

To Ensure Industry and Academic Relevance

- ❖ Panel will be Chaired by CEO/TA
- ❖ Big 4 International Accounting Firms and Law Society
- ❖ Representation from industry and government bodies
- ❖ Representation from local and renowned overseas academia from Australia, New Zealand, China and the US

Composition of Academic Expert Panel

- ❖ 15 Leading Tax Professors* from the best institutions around the world
- ❖ Strong domestic representation (with National University of Singapore and Singapore University of Social Sciences on board)

Professor	Institution
Michael Dirkis	University of Sydney
Sunita Jogarajan	University of Melbourne
Craig Elliffe	University of Auckland
Miranda Stewart	University of Melbourne/ New York University
Michael Walpole	University of New South Wales
Stephen Phua	National University of Singapore
Darren Koh	Singapore University of Social Sciences
Simon Poh	National University of Singapore

Professor	Institution
Adrian Sawyer	University of Canterbury
Zhu Yansheng	Xiamen University
Sam Sim	Tax Analysts
Rick Krever	University of Western Australia
Li Na	East China University of Political Science and Law
Kerrie Sadiq	Queensland University of Technology
John Vella	Oxford University, Centre for Business Taxation

*Professors who have responded so far with at least in-principle acceptance, pending clearance with their Deans and/or signing of the invitation letters.

Potential Research Topics

Research

- ❖ Produce leading international tax research on a broad range of issues of interest to industry and academia
- ❖ Areas of interest include Pillar 2, Nexus, Harmful Tax Competition, Digital Economy, Crypto Assets, Environmental Taxation
- ❖ Welcome post-doctoral fellows (international tax law) to join STARI

Training

- ❖ STARI's Research Affiliates Programme includes Academic Writing Workshops, Consultation Sessions & Presentation Opportunities to equip tax professionals with necessary skills to conduct & publish academic research on taxation.
- ❖ Aim is to increase the pool of professionals willing and able to contribute to the academic literature on taxation.



Elevating TA's Digital Presence

- ❖ Leverage TA LinkedIn account as our primary social media platform for communication and engagement.
- ❖ Connect with stakeholders through monthly newsletter
- ❖ Feature upcoming stakeholders' events in TA monthly newsletter and LinkedIn to increase visibility and engagement

Growing recognition of TA as a valued partner in supporting stakeholders' key industry events and initiatives



Tax is FUN and close to your HEART

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Fosters Deep Connections

- ✓ Build relationships across government, business, and society



U

Uniquely Rewarding

- ✓ Seeing how your work directly benefits the community



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Never Stops Evolving

- ✓ Dynamic field with rapid developments



Heart of Economic Progress

- ✓ Drive economic transformation through tax policies
- ✓ Help businesses grow while ensuring fair contribution



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